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Letter dated 8 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic dated 8 October 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as a document of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166.

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Annex to the letter dated 8 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic dated 8 October 2001

Yesterday evening, on 7 October 2001, the armed forces of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with the support of other countries, initiated anti-terrorist action in Afghanistan.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic states in this connection that Kyrgyzstan, adhering to Security Council resolutions 1368 (2001) and 1373 (2001), supports the large-scale international anti-terrorist action.

It is obvious that decisive steps must be taken by the entire world community in order to put an end to terrorism and eradicate the forces that sustain it. Those who engage in terrorism must receive the corresponding punishment for their deeds. Terrorism must be halted.

It is unfortunate that the Taliban movement did not respond to the appeals by the United States and the world community to extradite those suspected of organizing the terrorist acts.

Furthermore, Kyrgyzstan does not consider the anti-terrorist operation as a war against the sacred religion of Islam and the Afghan people. International terrorism has no religious or national affiliation.

Kyrgyzstan hopes that the necessary measures will be taken during the anti-terrorist actions to prevent the deaths of peaceful inhabitants of Afghanistan and to minimize the escalating humanitarian crisis in that country.

Kyrgyzstan would like to see the future Afghanistan as a peaceful, neutral and friendly State and also holds the view that it is necessary to ensure in that country the international conditions needed for carrying out the Afghan settlement process on a peaceful basis and achieving national reconciliation by setting up a broad-based, effective coalition government that reflects the interests of the entire Afghan people and maintains good-neighbourly relations with neighbouring States.

The key role in this regard must be played by the Afghan people and also interested and regional States under the auspices of the United Nations.